



Our Mission

To share the Good News of God's grace through worshiping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's love.

August
2022

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

August is a somewhat strange month if you ask me. Oh, it is still summer in all respects but there is an air of anticipation that has come to fill August.

Over at the school there are teams practicing and the band is on the practice field every day to get ready for their season as well.

Teachers are in their rooms setting up for the year and making their plans for the success of the students who will soon fill the chairs that occupy the room.

It is in these days still of summer that Fall is making itself known, not by the change in the weather but in the work of anticipation of what will surely come next because whether we like it or not, the "next," Fall, will come without our permission or request.

What will come next for us here at Good Shepherd? Well, what do you hope and pray for to happen next? And if we know what we dearly desire that God might allow us to be and do, how will we be part of that plan and how will we work to make it happen.

That is a question I put before you my friends. Jesus once said: "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?" (Luke 14:28) Discipleship, Jesus is saying, requires being deliberate with and conscious of the work before us and, yes, it requires a bit of planning.

So, Good Shepherd, what does the Lord require of us today and what does Heaven hope we will accomplish? And what will it take to get there?

Maybe our prayers this month of getting ready can be on those questions and maybe we can talk to one another about whatever visions we might have. The Lord has need of us.

Pastor Peter

Senior Shepherds News

**WEST MILTON
SENIOR CITIZENS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

435 W Hamilton St.
W. Milton OH
937-698-7129
Carol Garver - Director

**Wednesday Noon Lunch
Please Call to Signup**

***Aug 10th**— from Laura
Dinner \$9/ bingo

***Aug 24th** - Lunch &
Music Trivia \$5 no bingo

Aug 16th - Tuesday --
10:15 AM Cardio Drumming
- No Charge Drop In - Have
fun and work out!

July 29th - Monday
1 to 4 PM - Bingo

July 28— Friday - 9 AM-
11 AM -- FREE Blood Pres-
sure & Glucose Screenings
- Stop in no registration re-
quired.

EVERY THURSDAY - 1PM -
Dominos - Stop In and play

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING
@ 6 PM EUCHRE -

Everyone Welcome!

The GSLC Senior Shepherds met on Tuesday, July 26th to hear Jim Charters, historian and speaker, tell us about Dayton Inventions. Twenty people, including members of the community, listened to how those inventions changed not only Dayton but the whole country.



In the 1900s, more patents were issued in Dayton than any other city. We watched a PowerPoint presentation about the inventors and the people who were instrumental in the rise of Dayton, like the Wright Brothers, John Patterson of the National Cash Register, Charles Kettering of Delco and General Motors, etc. At one time there were 14 automobile manufacturers in Dayton. What an interesting and informative program!

Susan Landis provided refreshments. Thanks Susan!



Senior Shepherds will not be meeting in August.

Church Women United

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. The Greater Dayton organization is part of the national organization. Currently there are women from 47 churches who are members. Their purpose is to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus.

We were members years ago and have been asked to become members again – we need a rep from our congregation to attend the local meetings about 9 times a year! Please let Barbara Cecil know if you would like to be our representative.

July 19, 2022 Council Meeting Highlights

Under new business the Council discussed the need for a vision for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, including a Five-Year Goal and a plan to achieve it. It was all agreed that we want to grow the church membership/regular attendance. The council has set up a planning meeting in August to brainstorm and hammer out a plan. If you have any ideas, please talk to a council person. We would love to hear them!

Under old business we discussed the Stillwater Crossings task force. We are organizing a group to go to the new neighborhood and let them know we are a great choice for worship on Sunday! Watch for a sign up sheet so you can get involved.

It was also reported that we have a new member church added to LSIM. First Lutheran in Xenia joined in July.

Blessings from Council

Son Rise Breakfast Update

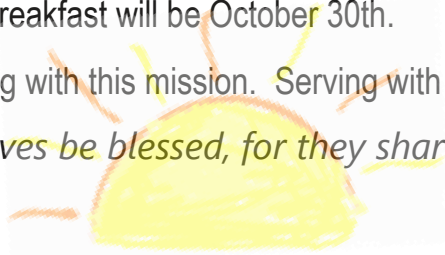
Son Rise breakfast is offered at First Lutheran Church in Downtown Dayton every Sunday morning. Various churches contribute. The LSIM obligation is the 5th Sunday breakfast. (About 4 times a year). Abiding Christ has been handling this the past few years. Their coordinator has asked to be relieved due to changes in her life from the loss of her husband. Prayers go to her and her young daughter.

A special collection will be taken at Good Shepherd Lutheran on the 3rd Sunday of each month to fund this mission. The next breakfast will be October 30th.

Thank you in advance for helping with this mission. Serving with Christ, Judy Moncrief

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

Proverbs 22:9



Planning Group starts back up on Wednesday, August 17th, from 3 to 5



**Work Day
July 9, 2022**





Thank you for all
your hard work!
The church
looks great!



Anniversary Invitation

Les and Paula Barker celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 26th. Their sons and daughter in laws are planning a party for them on Saturday, August 13th in the church fellowship room from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

They were married on June 26, 1982 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio. They would love for church friends to join them to celebrate. Please let Les, Paula, or Matt Barker know if you can attend. Matt's email is: matt41489@gmail.com.



THANK YOU!

MY MOST SINCERE THANKS!

Thanks to everyone for the many kind words, beautiful cards and personal notes, donations, flowers, phone calls, hugs, food, etc. I can't list it all, but what a help you have all been during these difficult and lonely days for me. Your kindness shows me God's love and I can feel his presence around me. John was in the Piqua Manor over Easter so he was unable to buy me an Easter card; therefore, he wrote one out to me on a little sheet of paper. A few of the statements which are so meaningful to me are: *God loves you! Christ is risen! Alive in Him, we await our heavenly destination!* John often spoke of his heavenly destination, and that gives me peace to know he has reached it. God's love and peace to you all.

Betty Lou

Choir Practice

The Chancel Choir will have their first practice on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:15 a.m. All are invited to join us. If you enjoy singing, this is the ministry for you. Please contact Marsha Fischbach, Music Director, at 937-581-6036.



FISH Union Township

Needs: paper products and personal care items.

They are still in need of a trustee to serve on the Board. They also need 1 or 2 people to answer the phone and take calls of request for needs the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Contact Ralph Warner (937) 672-7303.



Basic Estate Planning and Financial Concepts Sat., August 27th from 10:30 to noon at GSLC

Please join us for a special estate planning educational event. Having a strategy in place can make things easier for your family after you're gone. At this workshop we will discuss financial topics such as tax efficiency, qualified charitable distributions and transferring wealth. Guest speaker Bob Emerson, a former financial professional, will cover estate planning essentials, estate documents and the flow of estate assets.

This workshop will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:30 am-Noon. It's hosted by Financial Advisor Terry Powers.

Please call 937-698-5826 or email office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.

No products will be sold.

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This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24



LifeWise Milton-Union, Coming this Fall!

In addition to their regular classes, parents/guardians have the option to enroll students in grades K-5 in LifeWise Academy.

- ◆ Students will attend classes during the day on a schedule that fits the school's class rotation.
- ◆ Chaperones will transport students to and from LifeWise.

LifeWise Milton-Union Launch Meeting

Join us as we provide information about this school year and the opportunity to begin registering students!

When: Tuesday, August 9th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Hoffman United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main St., W. Milton
Presentation and Children's Activity beginning at 6:30.

We are searching for an excellent team!

Teachers + Fundraising Committee + Volunteers

Visit our website to learn more; lifewiseacademy.org/milton-unionoh

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
June 21, 2022

Present: Les Barker, Vice President; Diana Frye; Pastor Peter; David Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner, President

Meeting was called to order by Ric Warner

Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Peter

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as written. Motion: Toby Theis, Second: Les Barker. All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve as written: Diana Frye, Second: Suzie Vagedes. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as written: Les Barker, Second: Toby Theis. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Pastor laid out his vision of what GSLC's council needs to do to grow: Council must be forward looking. We need to build excitement with our enthusiasm for projects and new mission/outreach ideas, and must incorporate other members in these projects. Need to invite people to church every Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

Altar Flowers Options-Ric put an article in the news letter to encourage people to sign up for Altar flowers. Other option is to use fake flowers.

Workdays-Will need to repair Nursery School sign. Les Barker, David Stein and Ric Warner will work on revamping sign with Becky Garrett's input.

Will plan a gardening day for July 9th. Les will take an overhead shot of the church grounds and divide up areas for members to tend on their own schedule if they can't attend the workday.

Thrivent workshop- A Thrivent Representative has asked to present an estate planning workshop. Council was open to hosting it at GSLC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor search-no news

Contacting non-attending members-several were contacted. None asked to be removed from the church roster. Ric also asked for volunteers to lead a welcoming group to contact new people moving into the Stillwater Prairie neighborhood. Barb Cecil and Jerry Spitler are both willing to help but not head up.

Committee Reports:

Worship: no report

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: Yard sale at St. Mark's made \$800.00. Xenia church may be joining LSIM in near future.

Property: Les Barker plans to have the fence finished mid August.

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: no report

Stewardship and Fellowship: no reports

Motion to Adjourn: Les Barker. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Vagedes



FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED THE WORLD
HE
GAVE
HIS
ONLY
SON

Ah, kindness.
What
a simple way
to tell another struggling
soul that there
is love to be found
in this world.





BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

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- 4 Ric Warner
- 15 Michael Williams
- 16 Michaelle Lightcap
- 19 Raymond Landis
- 20 Mindy Paddock

- 21 Molly Paddock
- 22 Shirley Fourman
Ryan Barker
- 26 Matthew Bredeson
- 28 John Lightcap

- 7 Toby & Barbara Theis
- 10 Ric & Arlene Warner
- 18 Dave & Suzie Vagedes
- 26 Jose & Lynne Lopez



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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

- 7 Kristine Hayes
- 14 Barbara Cecil
- 21 Barbara Cecil
- 28 Barbara Cecil

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Marsha Fischbach

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Bredeson

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LECTOR

- 7 Kristine Hayes
- 14 Kristine Hayes
- 21 Debbie Bredeson
- 28 Debbie Bredeson

USHER CAPTAIN

- 7 Barbara Cecil
- 14 Jarrett Grile
- 21 Dave Vagedes
- 28 Molly Franks

SOUND

Rusty Baker

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COUNTERS

Victoria Hammermeister
Debbie Bredeson

FLOWERS

- 7 In memory of Bob & Ruth Tinnerman, from the Cecils
- 14 In Celebration of Toby & Barbara Theis' anniversary
- 21 In Celebration of Dave & Suzie Vagedes' 31st anniversary
- 28 For August birthdays from Debbie Bredeson

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Pledge Giving Report
 through the end of June 30
 Pledges over 12
 Pledges under 10
 Pledges even 15

Year to date pledge giving over \$8,302

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
	1 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	2	3	4	5	6
7 11:00 am Holy Communion	8 6:30pm Pre-school Board Mtg 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 2pm Sr Shepherd Planning Comm.	10	11	12	13 1 to 4 Les & Paula Barker's 40th Anniversary Party
14 11:00 am Holy Communion	15 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	16	17 3-5 pm Planning 7:00 pm Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 11:00 am Holy Communion	22 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	23 No Senior Shepherds Meeting	24 3-5 pm Planning	25	26	27
28 11:00 am Holy Communion	29 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	30	31 3-5 pm Planning			

Our Church Staff

Pastor Peter Kruse
Interim Pastor

Ric Warner
Church Council
President

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

JoAnn Antonides
Administrative Asst.

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Lutheran Church**
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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Abby Bonner, Chuck Franks,

Aaron & Renee Johansen, Bill Sims, Jeff Theis,

Ron Timmons, Judy Tipton, Patty Tipton, Jim Wilgus, and for the

next pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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